

REMARKS

The present application was filed on April 14, 2000, with claims 1-41. In an Amendment filed February 6, 2004, Applicants canceled claims 1-41, and added new claims 42-65. Claims 42-65 remain pending in the present application. Claims 42 and 53 are the independent claims.

Independent claims 42 and 53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,541,656 to Kare et al. (hereinafter "Kare"). Each of the dependent claims stands rejected either under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kare or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kare in view of an additional cited reference.

In this response, Applicants amend independent claims 42 and 53. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the remarks below.

Independent claim 42 has been amended to specify that the graphical user interface of the digital camera comprises an image display for displaying a plurality of icons, with actuation of a given one of the displayed icons initiating a corresponding function in the digital camera. The claim has been further amended to specify that the customization software permits selection of one of a plurality of different actuatable versions of at least the given icon, with input from the user comprising a selection of a particular one of the different actuatable versions of the given icon for use on the image display of the graphical user interface of the digital camera. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at, for example, page 11, line 19, to page 14, line 13.

In an illustrative embodiment described in conjunction with FIGS. 4A and 4B of the present application, it can be seen that a user is permitted to select between different actuatable versions of a given icon corresponding to a particular function in the digital camera. For example, first and second actuatable versions of an active icon corresponding to an image magnification function in digital camera 10 are shown as icons 252A and 252B in FIGS. 4A and 4B, respectively. Other examples of different actuatable versions of a given icon may include different color versions,

different text fonts, different styles, different themes, and different background colors or patterns.

Such an arrangement is not disclosed or suggested in Kare. Kare instead uses a fixed LCD 260, as shown in FIG. 9B, in which the particular manner in which a given active icon is displayed is fixed and not subject to user selectability. In other words, although a user may be permitted to select whether a given icon is on or off, as indicated at column 5, lines 26-28, the user cannot select between different actuatable versions of a given icon as claimed. This is because once the Kare icon is “turned off,” it is no longer actuatable by the user to initiate a corresponding function. Unlike Kare, the claimed arrangement uses an image display, rather than a fixed LCD, and provides user selectability of different actuatable versions of a given icon.

Independent claim 53 has been amended to specify that a customized graphical user interface of a digital camera comprises an image display for displaying information associated with a particular selected camera feature. The claim as amended further indicates that a user is permitted to select a particular one of a plurality of different available versions of the displayed information, for the particular selected camera feature, for use on the image display of the customized graphical user interface of the digital camera. Again, support for the amendments can be found in the specification at, for example, page 11, line 19, to page 14, line 13. The fixed LCD 260 of Kare, unlike the claimed arrangement, provides only one version of a given icon or other piece of displayed information associated with a particular selected camera feature.

Claims 42 and 53 as amended are believed to define patentable subject matter relative to Kare and the other art of record.

The dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the reasons identified above with regard to their respective independent claims.

It is believed that the claims in the application are allowable over the prior art and such allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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